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## CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS HAVE GOOD YEAR

**Handle 70 Per  
Cent of Shorn  
Crop of Canada**

**Annual Meeting Hears Wool  
Growers Had Substantial  
Operating Surplus**

**DIVIDEND 1½c PER POUND**

**Urge Sheep Raising Be Made  
Major Operation Instead  
of Farm Sideline**

TORONTO, Ont.—Handling approximately 70 per cent of the total shorn crop of wool of the Dominion in the financial year which ended on February 28th, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., had an operating surplus of \$90,027.53. The successful results of the year's business, were disclosed at the annual meeting of the co-operative held here last week. The reports were accompanied by the gratifying announcement that the directors have authorized a distribution of patronage dividends on the basis of 1½ cents a pound on the 1953 shipments. This dividend will be added to the final settlement cheques on 1954 deliveries.

The practice of the co-operative is to make a cash advance payment, and a later final settlement at full market prices, any surplus earnings going largely to the shipping members through patronage dividends.

### **\$419,000 Dividends Since 1950**

Since 1950, when the last ten years of dividend distribution were reviewed, a further \$419,000 has been paid out to members and shipping associations in patronage dividends; while in the same four-year period a further sum of \$25,687 has been paid out in interest on capital to member shareholders, at the rate of 5 per cent on invested capital.

### **Interest in Sheep at New High**

Interest in sheep has touched a new high in Canada in recent years; and many suggestions have been received to the effect that producers should finance a definite campaign of promotion designed to increase the sheep population in all provinces. This re-

*Tuna Fish Are Tested for Radioactivity in Tokyo*



When a cargo of tuna fish from a boat which had been within 80 miles of the explosion of the U.S. test hydrogen bomb on March 1st was found to be radio active, the Japanese ministry of public welfare started a careful examination of other cargoes which might have been similarly affected. Officials are seen in the

picture examining fish with a geiger counter at the Tsukiji fish market in Tokyo. All fish found free of radiation are stamped. Twenty-three crewmen aboard the vessel caught off Bikini in a shower of ashes from the explosion suffered radiation burns, and are now under careful examination.

sulted in the passing by the meeting of a resolution by unanimous vote, to the effect that immediate steps be taken to make the raising of sheep a major operation rather than a sideline. A levy of 5 cents a head on all sheep and lambs slaughtered was called for, to establish sufficient funds to promote such development. One or two delegates thought that even 10 cents would not be too much, and

that it would meet with general approval on the part of sheepmen.

### **Make Money for Owners**

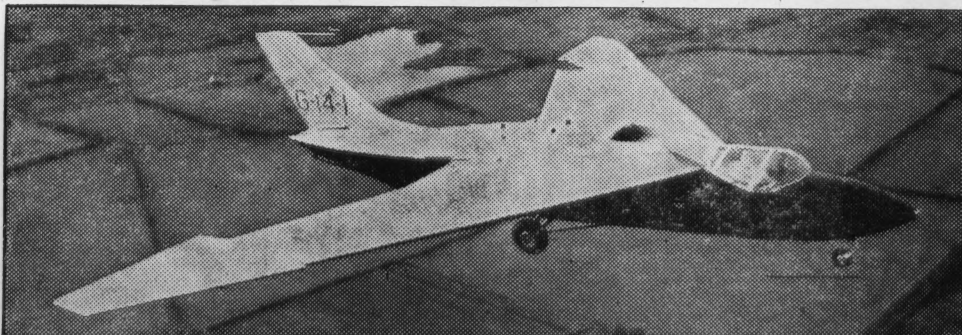
While there had been talk of declining sheep population, John Wilson of Innisfail, president of the co-operative, said the fact remained that sheep made money for their owners. The time had come when sheepmen should speak out and take responsibility for a genuine campaign of

### **Co-op Congress Story**

As we go to press, the Canadian Co-operative Congress which opened on Tuesday in Winnipeg is still proceeding. Features of the opening sessions received just before press time on page 5.

promotion. They should also give all possible attention to the improvement. (Continued on Page 8)

## New British Jet Plane Has Bird-like, Flexible Wings



Shown above is the Short Sherpa, on its first flight. It's described by its British designers as a purely experimental plane. Its flexible wings, with rotating

tips, are expected to have a good deal of influence on wing shapes for future high-altitude flight. It is powered by two turbo jets.



## TVA Returns Treasury More Than Investment

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Tennessee Valley Authority brings the U.S. treasury more money than the federal government has spent on the development, said Assistant Manager Edward A. Ackerman in a recent address to the Minnesota Association of Co-operatives.

In the region served by the TVA, he said, where the depression had hit particularly hard, federal income taxes had increased more than the national average. The increased revenue above national increases amounted in 1952 alone to three times the total U.S. investment in TVA. In addition, all U.S. investment in the project is being repaid in full while regular depreciation is being charged. In spite of this demonstration of successful public ownership, private power interests which have the ear of the new administration in Washington have succeeded in scuttling plans for other power projects based on TVA principles; and hints have even been heard in congress that TVA itself should be turned back to private corporations as a means of reversing the trend to what is described by some congressmen as "creeping socialism."

## Will Attend Conference on Nuclear Physics, July

GLASGOW, Scotland — Canadian scientists will be among those from all parts of the world to attend a conference on nuclear physics to be held here July 13th to 17th. Chairman will be Professor Dee, of Glasgow University. It is hoped that a 300 Mev. synchrotron, the largest of its kind in Britain, will be completed in time for the delegates to inspect it.

# Sales Partly Confirm Predictions of Firmer Purebred Cattle Market

By LORNE STOUT

**P**REDICTIONS two weeks ago that the purebred cattle market would firm as the spring progresses, have already been in part confirmed. While prices are still generally below the levels of 1953, Herefords sold at higher prices in Regina, and it was the Shorthorns and Aberdeen-Angus that did better at Edmonton.

### Calgary Wind-up Sags

Winding up the two week-long Calgary Bull Sale, Herefords went at low prices for the final two days, after reaching a \$619 average for 378 animals during the first half of the sale. By the time 754 had been sold Friday evening, the average for Calgary had sagged to just \$533 compared to last year's \$637 average.

Top of the Calgary sale was Chas. E. Jones' Hereford Reserve Grand Champion, which sold at \$5,300 to a trio of Calgary district breeders, Leroy W. Bond and C. O. Dench of Calgary, and John Hehr of Crossfield.

### Tops Edmonton Herefords

Ed Hunter of Airdrie topped the Edmonton Hereford Sale, with Dandy Domino 292nd,

which sold at \$2,200 to William Lewis of Sanguo. The bull had been the Grand Champion of the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede in 1953. Both the Grand and Reserve Champion Herefords in the Edmonton Bull Sale were shown by H. H. Porteous of Madden. They sold

buyer was Alex Beatty of Foam Lake. In all at Regina, 102 Shorthorn Bulls averaged \$413, \$14 below the 1953 prices.

At Edmonton, as in Calgary, a Hereford steer shown by a Junior was the Grand Champion Fat animal. Keith Barr of Vermilion sold his Champion to Safeway Stores of Edmonton at a good price, \$1.15 a pound. Bud Boake of Acme had the Prize winning pen of five steers with Shorthorns. Lawrence Kallal of Tofield had the Reserve Grand Champion.

**Futurity Becoming Major Attraction**  
Rapidly developing into a major attraction at the Edmonton Spring Livestock Show is the Alberta Futurity. The evening judging of the Champion drew a crowd of 3,000 to fill the Exhibition Sales Pavilion, and it proved a colorful and interesting event.

William Melnyk & Sons of Chipman had the Grand Champion Bull of all-breeds with Melbar Max Magistrate, Champion of the Shorthorns. Old Hermitage Farm of Edmonton (H. R. Milner), with an Angus, won the Grand Championship for females.

Herefords won both Reserve Championships, Noble Brothers of Okotoks with the Hereford Champion Bull getting Reserve in the all-breed judging, and C. J. Kallal of Tofield winning the females.

Shorthorns took both the Cham-



Charles E. Jones' "Paladin Domino JHR, 2nd", the Calgary Reserve Grand Champion, which topped the Calgary Sale of Herefords. See adjoining column.

at \$1,500 and \$1,300 to Eric Carlson of Sanguo and R. M. Mitchell of Nipawin, Sask.

### Sharp Has Champion Shorthorn

Hugh L. Sharp of Lacombe had the Shorthorn Champion Bull at Edmonton, and it sold at \$1,400. Old Hermitage Farms of Edmonton had the Champion Aberdeen-Angus, and it sold at \$1,500 to Weiller and Williams of Edmonton.

There were 40 Aberdeen-Angus Bulls sold at an average of \$344 compared to 36 last year at \$377. Fourteen Angus females averaged but \$207, compared to the high \$393 average on four females last year.

There were 100 Shorthorn Bulls sold at Edmonton at an average of \$368. A year ago 82 sold at \$405.

### Regina Sets Pace

Regina was the sale that set the pace, for they sold 162 Hereford Bulls at an average of \$635, proudly boasting this exceeded the Calgary average by \$102 a bull. And that in spite of no exceptionally good priced Champions. Alex Mitchell of Lloydminster had the Banner winner at Regina, and it topped the sale at \$1,900.

In the Shorthorns at Regina, an all time record price for the Saskatchewan Capital sale was set when W. Elliott of Stony Beach, sold his Reserve Grand Champion at \$2,050, and that was \$150 higher than the previous Shorthorn record price. The

championship and Reserve of the Futurity for a Pair of Bulls, Melnyk placing first and T. G. Hamilton of Innisfail in Reserve. Old Hermitage had the best pair of Females with Melnyk again in Reserve.

The Melnyks were again the winners in the Get-of-Sire event, with Old Hermitage second. Noble Brothers of Okotoks won the Novice award, for contributors making a first appearance, with Bud McBride of Riverbend Farm, Benalto, taking second. J. U. K. Gibson of Edmonton had the Champion Bull with an Angus in the Continuation for animals shown at the first Futurity a year ago. T. G. Hamilton placed second. For the females, it was Old Hermitage and Melnyks.

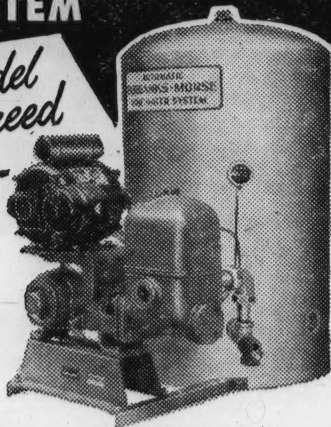
### Only One Criticism

There is only one criticism of the Futurity Show, that it means fitting animals at what some breeders feel is too young an age. However, if the worst fears are realized, and some young Bull and Heifer prospects are ruined, it is and will be a show window which for the breeders will be worth the sacrifice of a few top herd prospects. For the Edmonton Spring Stock events — the Futurity provides a glamor attraction which had been lacking until the past two years. The Futurity is a show to draw spectators in large numbers, comparable to the colorful evening judging at the Calgary Bull Sale.

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# Win All Four Shorthorn Championships in Futurity



In the Second Alberta Futurity at Edmonton, William Melnyk & Sons of Chipman had all four Shorthorn Champions (shown above) and the Grand Champion Bull of All Breeds. See article, page 2.

## Interest Strong in Marketing Boards

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary A.F.A.

INTEREST in producer marketing boards still remains strong in spite of the fact that Alberta farmers had not been given any assurance that implementing legislation will be made available. A number of worthwhile meetings have been held to discuss producer board marketing, and more will be held, as the Federation Board is instructed to hold public meetings to which M.L.A.'s would be invited.

The need for a hog producer marketing board is receiving considerable attention, particularly in Manitoba. At the Western Agricultural Conference held in Winnipeg in January, a six-man committee was instructed to study the Ontario Hog Producers' Marketing Board and to make first-hand observations of its operations. This was done, and the joint committee met in Saskatoon on February 26th for preliminary discussions. Following this meeting, the committee prepared a more comprehensive brief which included basic proposals.

On March 22nd, a general meeting of the prairie organizations interested in hog marketing, was called by the W.A.C. to further discuss the committee's report. No definite decision on procedure was made, as some organizations wished to study the proposals with their respective Boards.

Alberta was represented by a seven-man delegation representing livestock associations and the Federation of Agriculture.

**Farm Forum Rallies** — Lakeside Hall, out from Lacombe, and Alida Hall near Vegreville, were scenes of Farm Forum activity Monday, March 22nd. The Alida Hall rally was sponsored by the Waskawa forum. As guests they had members from seven other groups which made an attendance of over 125.

Fireside and Joffre Circle entertained Forum members from Horn Hill, Springvale and Waskasoo groups, with over 70 present. Miss Muriel Bauer was re-elected Provincial Farm Forum Committee member for central

Alberta. The Lakeside rally also appointed a local committee to assist her. The committee included Mrs. M. Booth from Fireside; Kees Winters from Horn Hill, Gerald Breen from Springvale, and Harry Holmlund from East Falum farm forum group.

The program at Lakeside included reports from Provincial Forum Secretary Jim McFall, and Muriel Bauer. The remainder of the evening was turned over to the social committee and an enjoyable evening was held with games and contests.

Waskawa, at their Alida Hall rally, started the program with interesting films followed by an address by Lt.-Col. Eric Cormack from the University Department of Extension. Glenn Smiley, Farm Forum Committee chairman, and member of the National Board, reported on a National Board meeting held at London, Ontario, in January and his stay in Ontario visiting Forum groups.

### Interest at All-Time High

Farm Forum interest in these areas is at an all-time high, and prospects for the 1954-55 season are very bright. The members at Lakeside endorsed a resolution that each group present be responsible for organizing a new group next fall.

From the interest shown at these rallies, it is evident these simply-organized, unpretentious discussion groups are finding a real place in local activities and thought. The Martins group out from Vegreville pin-point the value of Farm Forum when they report: "Our community had no particular association or community club to hold it together. There is also a variation of races and creeds. Our projects have not been stupendous, but at least for our own satisfaction we see men and women of varied ideas, yet similar ideals, chat and gradually share news and views to such an extent that — well, everyone looks forward to Farm Forum night."

### Advise Phosphate Fertilizer

REGINA, SASK. — Use of phosphate fertilizer on most summerfallow crops where moisture supply is good was recommended recently by the Saskatchewan Advisory Fertilizer Council. There is increasing evidence, too, it was stated, that fertilizer pays well on stubble crops in the more moist areas of the province.

### Has 530 Weavers' Co-ops

MADRAS, India — A membership of 530 primary weavers' co-operatives, with a total of 108,882 looms, is reported by the Madras Handloom Weavers' Co-operative. Organized in 1936, the purpose of the co-op is to buy yarn for the members at uniform and reasonable rates, to give technical advice and to assist in marketing the finished cloth.

### FINLAND'S RAPE SEED PRODUCTION

HELSINKI, Finland — In the past two years, Finland has produced rape seed enough to produce about a quarter of the edible vegetable and fish oils used in the country. It is an important factor in the making of margarine — still rationed in Finland.

A Helicopter Squadron which has transported over 10,000 troops in Malaya has won the 1953 trophy of the Royal Navy for the most outstanding feat of aviation.



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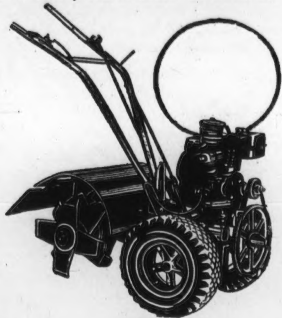


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## FARMERS AND FORESTRY

The farmers of Alberta have good reason to be "forestry conscious". The future of their own industry depends in no small degree on the conservation and proper management of the forests on the eastern slope of the Rockies — forests which regulate the flow of the rivers which water the Great Northern Plains.

When the general manager of one of their own great co-operative enterprises, the late R. D. Purdy, began to devote a good deal of his leisure to the promotion of the policies of the Canadian Forestry Association, and to assisting in their development, he regarded these added activities as an extension of his service to the farmers into a new field. That in fact it was, as his close associates and others who knew of his enthusiasm as a conservationist recognized.

In the educational work which led to the setting up of the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board as a joint Federal-Provincial enterprise, Mr. Purdy played an important role. The Board is now carrying out from year to year a program which cumulatively is bringing and will continue to bring great benefits to the Province in years to come.

In the past Canada has been reckless and prodigal in the wastage of her forest resources; and to a great extent this wastage continues. Governments have been slow to act. The pressure of a strong public opinion is necessary to the development of fully effective policies. Farmers can add to present pressures. The value of what they can do to influence public bodies is enhanced by their own efforts to participate.

## FARM FORESTRY IN SWEDEN

Sweden, perhaps, leads the world in forest management. Its farmers depend for a part of their individual incomes on their own wooded acreages — so forestry is the immediate practical concern of themselves and their families. Our problems are different; but while our thoughts are turned to the subject, it may be of interest to glance at a few paragraphs from an article which Ralph S. Yohe contributes to the last issue of a U.S. government publication, **Foreign Agriculture**.

"In the rich agricultural area of southern Sweden", writes Mr. Yohe, "farmers are as much interested in good forestry practices as they are in good farming practices, for they own most of the vast forests of the area and have long depended on them to provide a steady source of income."

"Swedish farmers have not always emphasized forest conservation. Fifty years ago the forests in southern Sweden were badly managed. The sawmills left slashed-over timber sites in their wake as they cut the forest faster than it could possibly grow. What forests were left were more often than not scattered stands and full of weed trees. Awakening to their loss, farmers began to be interested in forest management, and today the growing stock of trees on the farms of southern Sweden has increased greatly. Some farms have 40 to 50 per cent more standing timber than they

## THE BOMB

*Is this man's final madness — to have sown  
The seeds of death upon the fruitful sea,  
And launched them on the airways, to be blown  
Before the winds that ride so high and free?  
No instrument their course can now direct,  
Nor tell how wide or narrow is their sphere;  
They will no man-made boundaries respect,  
And so all peoples share a common fear.*

*The evil shadow that on life has lain  
Since earth was forced its secrets to disclose  
Lies heavier now, a dark and ugly stain  
That through the troubled nations spreads and  
grows,*

*As power that promised mankind to befriend  
Conceives the threat of his inglorious end.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

had only 25 years ago. The new, well-managed forests have a timber supply so large that new pulp factories and lumber mills have been started in the south . . .

"Four-H clubs and other youth organizations have organized forestry clubs. Even the grade school pupils in many areas may take 6 to 8-week courses in practical forest management. Agricultural and farm schools include forestry as a major course, and correspondence courses are available for farmers and farm youth . . ."

"It was fall", writes Mr. Yohe, "as I drove through southern Sweden. At times the road was half lost in thick forests of dark-green spruce and pine. Now and then it swept round a blue lake edged with clumps of birch and maple."

"Occasionally the white-painted tower of a centuries-old church loomed up in the distance above the autumn-colored trees. The road cut through rich, rolling farmland dotted with neatly stacked shocks of wheat or carpeted with golden stubble left in the wake of combines."

"Large red farmsteads topped many of the high knolls along the way. Ancient moss-covered stone fences bordered the winding black-top road and kept the herds of black-and-white cattle in their lush pastures of timothy and clover. After a few miles, the road again turned into a forest of thick, straight spruce and pine."

## FREEDOM OF THE H-BOMBED SEAS (Ottawa Citizen)

The area made dangerous by the March 1st explosion extended in a radius of at least 200 miles from the center of the explosion, and possibly much more. Radioactive currents, 800 miles from the blast, affected some Japanese fishermen at that distance. Scientists now estimate that the peril zone for the next explosion will be set at a radius of 450 miles, or a diameter of 900 miles. This means that for a distance which would extend from about Windsor to Quebec City the Pacific Ocean will be too dangerous, during the period of radioactivity, for navigation by commercial shipping and fishing vessels . . .

There can be little doubt that property and persons damaged in the explosion are entitled to compensation. Possibly the Japanese and United States governments could opportunely use the problem of damages to take a test case to the World Court. If they do not, the United Nations General Assembly might do so. As matters stand, further unilateral action by the U.S. in effectively denying considerable areas of the Pacific to international shipping is bound to create bitterness, and give Moscow an excellent source of propaganda. To be sure, the most certain control over the hydrogen bomb experiments would be obtained through a system of general disarmament that would make the missile unnecessary. In the meantime, if the U.S. believes it is absolutely essential to its security to continue testing weapons of this force, it should do so only after agreement with other countries on their right to untrammelled use of ocean waters.



# Canadian Co-operative Congress Marks Year of New Achievement

WINNIPEG, Mar. 31st — "In the long view there is no more significant factor in Canada's economy than the co-operative movement," Ralph S. Staples of Ottawa, president of the Co-operative Union of Canada, declared in addressing the forty-fifth Annual Congress of the Union which opened in the Fort Garry Hotel here Tuesday, with delegates present from Newfoundland to British Columbia. "It is socially significant, too, for it places in the hands of the people the tools they need to obtain effective control of their affairs and to gain responsibility and understanding in the process. Canada's co-operatives show real vitality, and they are made up of grand people."

## Increased Business and Membership

Reports presented to the congress by the board of directors, on which Alberta is represented by Norman F. Priestley, indicate healthy and steady growth. Last year's business of co-operatives affiliated with the Union totalled \$678,802,623 in value, (including \$134,766,932 by interprovincial co-operatives), as compared with \$614,603,973 in 1952. Membership showed an increase from 756,119 in 1952, enrolled in 823 associations across the Dominion, to 770,882 in 1953, in 860 associations.

Of the total business, sales of farm products form the largest sector, with values totalling \$513,962,788 in 1953, a slight decline in dollar terms as compared with 1952, when the total was \$523,707,708. Sales of farm supplies totalled \$129,852,097 in 1953, as compared with last year's figure of \$130,282,172.

## Saskatchewan Has Big Lead

Saskatchewan headed the ten provinces by a wide margin with total business last year of \$285,512,555, and a membership of 250,252 in 276 affiliated member associations. Manitoba came second with business of \$85,000,684, done by 120,460 members in 93 associations; Ontario third with corresponding figures of \$64,979,170, members 89,463, associations 194. Alberta's 69 co-operatives affiliated with the Union did a business of \$28,502,896, the membership of these associations totalling 81,055, an increase from the 1952 figure of 75,465.

Among features of the opening day was a luncheon tendered by United Grain Growers, Ltd., at which Dr. J. B. Kidd, director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, was the guest speaker; while Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation will be Wednesday's hosts, at a banquet at which Professor W. B. Baker, chairman of the Saskatchewan Royal Commission on Agriculture and Rural Life, will be speaker. On Thursday Mrs. Ida Gallant Delaney, delegate of the International Co-operative Alliance to the UNESCO seminar for women co-operators, will speak at a luncheon given by Manitoba Pool Elevators.

## Achievements Reviewed by Melvin

The detailed review of the past year's activities presented by Breen Melvin, national secretary, showed achievement in important fields, including success in securing the enactment by parliament of the statute of the Canadian Co-operative Credit Society, Ltd. Important service was given to member co-operatives in taxation and other matters.

The venerable and revered honorary president of the Union, W. C. Good of Brantford, in an impressive survey of world conditions and the dangers facing civilization, stressed the part which co-operatives can play in preserving and expanding the role of democratic institutions. Remarking upon the "sanity and vision that usually marks co-operative meetings", Mr. Good said that "at no time in

modern history are these characteristics more necessary than today."

President Staples, in the thoughtful address combining a positive practical approach to practical questions with deeply rooted social idealism which he delivered to the congress, said the kind of leadership which the co-operative movement needs is not that of supermen ("perhaps we would not know what to do with one"), but the leadership that comes from within, through co-ordination of a people's energies and concerted application of those energies to the job at the points of need." He concluded:

"I like to think the co-operative movement is irresistible as water is irresistible; not irresistible like a flood with its destructive power, but irresistible like the gentle tide. The tide fills every bay and inlet on the coast line, every crack and crevice in every rock. The water moves and rises and permeates and spreads. Co-operatives are here to stay. Man will rise above the degradation of a profit system. Time is on our side. The tide is coming in."

## C.C.I.L. Trade Nearly \$6½ Million Past Year

### Selling Cost Stressed in Report to Annual Meeting

SASKATOON, Sask. — The costs of selling implements to farmers was stressed in the report of President John B. Brown, of Winnipeg, to the recent annual meeting of Canadian Co-operative Implements Limited. Later a resolution, sponsored by the Board, directed that preference in payment of dividends be given to those members who ordered their own requirements in machinery, rather than to those involving the organization in heavy sales expenses.

The second highest volume of trade was marked up in 1953, it was stated, the total of \$6,412,601 having been exceeded only in 1952, when the figure was \$7,535,896.

Mr. Brown was re-elected president; also re-elected were Dennis Downing, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan vice-president; W. J. Harper, Alberta vice-president; and James A. Cuddy, Manitoba vice-president. James Jackson, Irma, is a new Alberta director.

The meeting was attended by 156 delegates and about 50 visitors.

### HOURLY WAGE RATES COMPARED

Quebec — Hourly wage rates in the textile industry, it was stated recently in the Quebec Legislature, are 11 cents in Japan, 9 cents in India, 24 cents in Italy, 44 cents in Britain, and \$1.05 in Canada.

Scotland's workable peat deposits are estimated at 600 million tons, said to be equivalent to 500 million tons of coal. Development of the deposits is being investigated.

## New Ambassador to Russia



The first Canadian ambassador to Russia since the Gouzenko affair, J. B. C. Watkins, above, recently presented his credentials in Moscow.

## Charles A. Fawcett of Consort Passes

For many years a devoted and able worker in the farm movement, Charles A. Fawcett, of Consort, died on March 4th at the age of 74.

Born in Iowa, Mr. Fawcett with his wife and family came to Alberta in 1908, settling on the farm northwest of Consort, where he has since lived. He was active in the United Farmers of Alberta from early days, and was a moving spirit in the formation of the Coronation U.F.A. Constituency Co-operative, the pioneer among associations of that form. He was its manager for 21 years, and was for sixteen years, until his retirement in 1948, a member of the board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative. He was a Wheat Pool delegate for 25 years.

### Community Activities

Mr. Fawcett was an elder of Knox United Church, at Consort, and carried responsibility in many community activities. He and his sons for a number of years operated a Dominion Experimental Sub-Station. He is survived by two sons and eight grandchildren; his wife died in November, 1951.

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haps Mr. Fawcett's outstanding characteristic was kindness, and he had many warm friends, particularly in the farm organizations of Alberta, who sincerely mourn his loss.



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## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



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# FRASER VALLEY MILK PRODUCERS FORGING AHEAD

**B**ECAUSE we believe our members are all greatly interested in the progress of our sister co-operative in British Columbia, the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, we present below some significant passages from the report of the president of that great co-operative enterprise D. R. Nicholson, given to the annual meeting of the Association.

### Largest in History

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Association, convened at Mission City Legion Hall on February 25th and 26th, says **Butter Fat**, "saw the greatest display of co-operative strength ever exhibited in this province. F.V.M.P.A. members, 1,500 strong, came from every corner of the Fraser Valley to make the 1954 meeting the largest in the

history of the organization. Yes, we might add, the largest gathering of dairy farmers held in Canada. Every corner of the vast Legion Hall was filled to capacity, with standing-room only both days."

Our C.A.D.P. delegates and many other members and visitors had the pleasurable experience a few years ago of hearing President Nicholson at our own annual meeting. His address was an inspiration to all of us. Because of this we shall share all the more in the legitimate pride which our fellow dairy producers of B.C. feel in their achievement.

### Increase 19.7% in Year

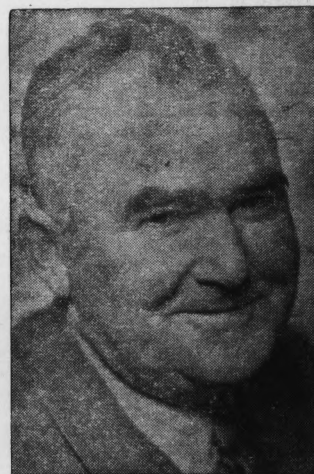
"As we review the books of 1953," said President Nicholson in the course of his address, "one is very much impressed with the enormous increase in production over 1952, and any former year in the history of our Association. The production in 1953 was 19.7 per cent over that of 1952. Comparing it with the production of ten years ago, we find that it has increased 63 per cent over 1943."

"One is more deeply impressed with the ease and efficiency which you, with your organization, were able to take this tremendous production in your stride, and efficiently manufacture and market it, in the creditable manner in which it was done."

"While a great deal of credit for this tremendous undertaking lies at the door of every Department and every individual within the Organization—make no mistake—the main credit for this display of organizational work, shown in the handling of over 11,000,000 lbs. of butterfat, lies at the door of every member of this Organization, and the members who have gone before them. This great credit lies in the fact that over the years you have seen fit to invest \$4,000,000.00 in plants and equipment to process, manufacture and market your own product, from production to ultimate sale."

### Members Control Business

"The great credit for the successful handling of the tremendous 1953 production lies in the fact that you have complete control of your own busi-



President D. R. Nicholson

ness—day in and day out—giving you the privilege to switch your production from plant to plant—from product to product—without a moment's notice, so that you might take full measure of every economy and sales advantage that might come your way."

### Highest Prices Received

"This complete control of your own business from production to ultimate sale has allowed you to handle the tremendous production this year and show a unit return of over 97 cents per lb. butterfat—the highest commodity prices received by any producers through this Dominion of Canada—and I feel on quite safe ground to say it is the highest blended manufactured price received by any dairyman throughout America for 1953 ...

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING of the CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

will be held in Memorial Hall, RED DEER

TUESDAY, JUNE 22th

Business Session 9:30 a.m.

Banquet 6:15 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rt. Hon. J. G. Gardiner,

Federal Minister of Agriculture

While it is the policy of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool to hold the annual meetings in different parts of C.A.D.P. territory each year, it has been decided this year to meet again in Red Deer in order that the largest possible number of our members may conveniently attend at this central point, to hear the message of the Minister of Agriculture of Canada.

## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL



# CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## What Dairymen's Co-operative Has Done for Economy of B.C.

By D. R. Nicholson, President

**W**HAT did this Fraser Valley Milk Producer's contribute to the economy of British Columbia, or the Lower Mainland in particular, during 1953?

The contribution was exactly \$18,035,722.00. The distribution to the community at large was as follows:

\$7,996.00, or .48 per cent was paid to the members of the Association as interest on their capital invested.

\$2,710,089.00, or 15.03 per cent was paid as salaries and wages to the hundreds of men and women who are employees of the Association, representing the sole support of a great number of people.

\$469,788.00, or 2.60 per cent was paid for hauling milk in from the farms, representing the livelihood of 73 haulers and their families.

\$4,196,145.00 for supplies, The value of this great co-containers and allied indus-tribution effort, which distributes this large economic

And finally, after these legi-tribution in the form of our time costs — which are un-semi-monthly milk cheques, der your careful scrutiny at all and the monthly cheques for times — were paid, you retain-salaries, services and supplies, ed over 97 cents per lb. butter-cannot be taken lightly, as it fat, representing \$10,963,572.-is the livelihood of hundreds 00 for the butterfat produced.and thousands of people.

FRASER VALLEY MILK PRODUCERS  
FORGE AHEAD

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### Record 1953 Operations

"A brief review of your operations for 1953 tells you handled approximately 46,000,000 lbs. of evaporated milk, well over a half million gallons of ice cream, approximately 5,500,000 lbs. of powder, over and above 3,000,000 lbs. of cottage cheese, as well as 4,034,834 lbs. of butter, which is over 75 per cent of all the butter that is made in British Columbia.

"When you review this operation, and place it beside some of the criticisms directed at our organization by other dairymen, and the press writings of some of those who apparently consider themselves authorities in the handling of dairy products, it speaks for itself, and needs no alibi."

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### International Action Has Great Importance, Say General Manager

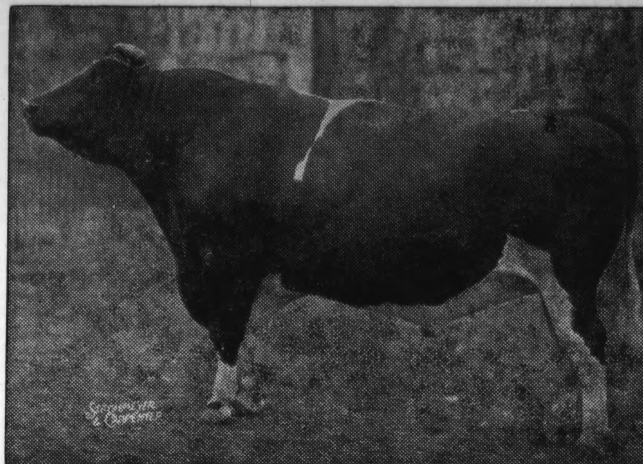
Stressing the great importance to Canadian producers of the recent meeting called by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers in Washington, A. M. Mercer, general manager of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association, gave an outline at the annual meeting of the association of the Federation activities dealing with the problems of farm people in the field of world affairs as well as on the national and provincial level. He described what the B.C. Federation and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture are seeking to achieve.

#### Why Meeting Needed

The meeting in Washington under the sponsorship of IFAP, said Mr. Mercer, "brought together agricultural leaders of United States, Mexico and Canada. There was need for such a meeting at a time when there is so much uncertainty as to United States farm policy — not only what she is going to do with her surpluses, but what further import quotas she is going to place on Canadian farm products — can readily be seen.

"Not content with leaving these matters up to governments, your Canadian Federation is showing leadership by trying to thresh some

## Alberta Aged Bull Given Honorable Mention



Exhibited by Charles Cox and Hays Farms, Limited, of Calgary, **Larwill Ladysman** (above) reserve champion at Calgary Exhibition, and third at the Royal Winter Fair, has received Honorable Mention for All-Canadian in the Aged Bull Class.

of these matters out within the farm family itself. Such a meeting should go far towards clarifying a united North American position, with respect to surpluses, tariffs, and import quotas, always keeping in mind our responsibility to the hungry peoples of the world, in providing them with food in such a way that it will not interfere with the normal flow of trade. I am sure you would want this province to be represented at such a meeting."

Canadians ate 285.3 million pounds of butter in 1953 — a 4 per cent increase over the 1952 figure of 274.4 million pounds.

Cotton is the most important agricultural export of the U.S.

### Best Fertilizer for Wheat

LACOMBE, Alta. — In the black, thin black, degraded black and dark brown soil zones of Central Alberta, ammonium phosphate 11-48-0 at 50 to 75 pounds per acre has proved better than other fertilizers for wheat, states D. R. Walker, of the Lacombe Experimental Station.

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## WORLD CHRONICLE

**Mar. 18th.** — St. Laurent given standing ovation in House of Commons; reports on visits to 11 countries. In Washington, congressmen call for investigation into hydrogen bomb explosion which burned 23 Japanese fisherman 80 miles away, injured others 100 miles away. Cabot Lodge says U.S. will use veto if necessary to keep Peiping regime out of UN; Gladwyn Jebb declares U.K. believes admission must come, perhaps when evidence given China has no plans for aggression in Indo-China. Arab gang attack on bus in Negev desert killed eleven, charges Tel Aviv. Marked increase in radioactivity of surface snow found by University of Manitoba scientists; state not hazardous, but "quite significant."



SENATOR JOS. MCCARTHY

**Mar. 19th.** — Dulles states Eisenhower would consult congress before

"retaliation", except in case of attack on U.S. itself; says use of most U.S. bases abroad is subject to approval by local governments. McCarthy charges Adlai Stevenson with "criminal stupidity or at worst treason." Supplementary estimates presented to Ottawa House will bring annual spending to almost \$5 billions. Supreme Court refuses C.P.R. permission to appeal transport commissioners' ruling against freight rate increases. Dulles hands Russian ambassador Zarubin plan for proposed international atomic energy commission. Unemployment increases in U.S.

**March 20th.** — Naguib receives strong British protest on attacks against British soldiers in canal zone. Arabs complain to UN of Israeli troop concentration on borders. Russia again protests against U.S. military bases in Greece. Ottawa dispatch suggests success of Geneva conference might be followed by Canadian recognition of China. McCarthy says he's gathering material for investigation U.S. news media.

**March 21st.** — Atomic research will make war impossible within a year, is belief of German scientist Oberth, who invented V2 rocket. Bureaucracy blamed for inefficiency in Russian food production by Communist party chief. Prominent Episcopal cleric in U.S. denounce McCarthyism. Mau Mau fail to keep rendezvous to arrange for

## Spitfires "Honorably Retired" From Service

**LONDON, Eng.** — The last Spitfires in operational use by the R.A.F. have now been replaced with jet aircraft; some fifty remaining being used only for meteorological work. Designed by the late R. J. Mitchell, the first Spitfires were delivered in 1938, and since then nearly a quarter of a million have been built. They did spectacular service in the Battle of Britain, and many were flown during the war by Canadian airmen.

surrender of leaders.

**March 22nd.** — U.K. Cabinet holds second cabinet meeting on Egypt; Eden announces that failure of Cairo government to prevent renewal of violence in canal zone stands in way of resumption of negotiations. London reports Britain plans increased trade with Russia except in goods of "really strategic importance."

**March 23rd.** — Churchill tells House of anxiety over "stupendous problems and perils" of atomic development, with particular reference to explosion of hydrogen bomb. Washington report police warned to watch for smuggling of atomic weapons into U.S. McCarthy demands right to cross-examine witnesses at Senate hearing into Army charges and countercharges; other members believe as he is implicated he should not take part. Dulles says U.S. will frown on greater east-west trade by its allies. French military chiefs in Washington get promises of more military equipment for Indo-Chinese war. U.S.S.R. plans to bring 32,000,000 acres virgin land under plow this year.

**March 24th.** — St. Laurent says impossible to give exact number of civil servants dismissed for Communist sympathies, but declares it is "not large". Ottawa reports fish reaching Canada from Japan being tested for radioactivity.

**March 25th.** — Canada could not pledge itself not to recognize China, St. Laurent tells House, but government is not considering immediate recognition. U.K. Parliament votes by small margin for commercial television. U.S. Senate votes for big reductions in excise taxes; would cut revenue by over billion dollars.

**March 26th.** — British press expresses concern over possible results of hydrogen bombs; Daily Mail warns "man-made fires of hell" might poison entire world. Japanese scientist says radioactive dust might make cities uninhabitable for two years. French scientist declares power of hydrogen bomb can be increased absolutely without limit. Ottawa reports more patients in mental hospitals in Canada than in other hospitals.

**March 27th.** — Moscow charges members of U.S. embassy staff with spying. Japan will call meeting of nations outside UN to discuss means of gaining admission. Tokyo reports two more fishing vessels show radiation effects.

**March 28th.** — British transport explodes, burns, in Mediterranean; 1500 passengers and crew saved, 4 crew members killed. In Kenya, 22 Mau Mau killed in running battle with police and troops. Underground organization circulates communiques in Jugoslavia, calling for end of Tito dictatorship.

**March 29th.** — U.S. reports second hydrogen test explosion. Dulles calls for united action against Communists in southeast Asia. Cairo reports Naguib plans for election cancelled, after demonstrations and counter-demonstrations; military junta remains in power, Naguib still holds offices. McCarthy cancels Toronto speaking appointment. French troops break out of besieged Indo-Chinese fortress, Dien Bien Phu. Nehru urges

## Dust From Hydrogen Bomb Burns Japanese Fishers



Although they were in a non-restricted area in mid-Pacific, 80 miles away, when the U.S. hydrogen bomb was exploded on March 1st, 23 Japanese fishermen were burned by atomic dust which blew over and into their boat. One of them, above, shows a blackened face.

all countries abandon H-bomb explosions.

**March 30th.** — Churchill against effort to impede progress of U.S. in building up strength in weapons which provide "greatest possible deterrent" against third world war. West Germany ratifies European Defence Community treaty; (France, Italy, Luxembourg haven't yet taken action.)

**March 31st.** — Majority of British newspapers unfavorable to Churchill statement on hydrogen bombs; special Cabinet meeting called; Attlee also calls special Labor meeting to consider matter. Fighting flares up again in Indo-China.

## WOOL GROWERS

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ment of quality in the wool marketed.

In the report of the Board of Directors and General Management, presented by General Manager George E. O'Brien, and of Secretary G. O'Neill, activities of the co-operative were reviewed in detail. A survey was made of the present position and future outlook of the sheep industry.

### Sound Co-operative Principles

"Sound co-operative principles," it was pointed out, "are incorporated in the organization. Throughout the 36 years of operation as a wool growers marketing agency, these principles have been adhered to in the handling, grading, selling and final returns to and on behalf of Canadian growers."

Mr. O'Brien was able to report that the Canadian wool clip for the year "came off in good condition — clean, sound, and well-grown."

### Problem of Leg and Face Clippings

"Some progress can be reported in the appeal made a year ago towards the elimination of black, brown, or grey leg and face clippings in keeping these separated from the good, clean, white fleece," said the General Manager. "Such clippings in themselves have little value, but they can detract materially from the value of the fleece because once these clippings get mixed up in the fleece it is a practical impossibility to separate them again, and once the wools reach the scouring bowls, then the resulting scoured product carries these clippings throughout the lot."

Adverse sentiment early last year, due to changing conditions in world news, (with certain doubts as to the immediate future for wool), was short-lived, and by late June or early July trading resumed a normal basis and continued that way until early August, when there was another dull (Continued at foot of next column)

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## Will Hold Farmers' Union Convention in Edmonton, Dec. 6 to 10

### Will Decide in Mid-summer Whether New Headquarters to Be Built in 1954

Whether the new headquarters of the Farmers' Union of Canada will be built in 1954 will be decided in mid-summer in the light of the then existing circumstances.

The matter was considered at a meeting of the FUA Executive in Edmonton on March 23rd and 24th, and deferring of the decision was agreed upon in view of the fact that the building fund is not yet sufficient, President Henry G. Young reports.

#### Accommodation Lacking in Calgary

Owing to lack of accommodation in Calgary, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the FUA in the Alberta College auditorium in Edmonton, Monday, December 6th to Friday the 10th inclusive. Planning of arrangements will take place at the mid-summer board meeting in the central office in mid-July.

On Wednesday, April 28th, a meeting of the newly-formed Farmer-Labor Economic Council will be held in Winnipeg; Mr. Young will represent the FUA.

#### Favor Gasoline Inquiry

In the light of statements made by the Oil Agents' Association on gasoline prices, the Executive were of the opinion that a full inquiry should be made, as had been requested by the FUA last November.

## Wool Growers Acquire Location in Edmonton

Providing both warehousing facilities and office requirements, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., have acquired property in Edmonton, which was taken over on March 1st. "This property", General Manager O'Brien stated at the recent annual meeting of CCWG in Toronto, "will provide a valuable addition to the grower owned warehouses now operated at Weston, Carleton Place, Lennoxville, Lethbridge and Kamloops, the latter owned by the B.C. Sheep Breeders' Association. In addition to these warehouses, offices are also located at each of these locations as well as at Regina and Toronto."

period. When, however, it became established that there was a good deal of stability in wool values, buying was again in evidence, and from then on to December stocks sold steadily.

#### Up to 10% Over 1952 Prices

"In the overall picture", Mr. O'Brien indicated "under current conditions of the times, it is remarkable that so narrow a margin of price averages was maintained throughout the season. By and large, price spreads over the year were limited to a range of 10 per cent. Further, at the end of the season price returns to Canadian Co-operative members showed an improvement ranging up to 10 per cent over 1952 returns with the maximum percentage covering the strictly Fine wools and the Medium Type Domestic wools.

"The sales of Canadian graded wools in considerable volume were made in each of the three principal markets — Canada, United States, and Great Britain.

#### Shorn Wool Production Up

"Shorn wool production in Canada for 1953, as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was 6,659,000

## Co-op Wool Growers Elect Officers for 1954

TORONTO, Ont. — Elections of officers of Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, Ltd., at the annual meeting here resulted in J. R. Wilson Jr. continuing as president; George C. Hay of Kamloops, B.C. as first vice-president and Wilfred Shields of Caistor Centre, Ont., second vice-president. The executive committee comprises D. E. McEwen of London, Ont.; Newton G. Bennett of Bury, P.Q.; and L. R. Jensen of Magrath, Alta., along with the President. George E. O'Brien continues as general manager and W. H. J. Tisdale as associate general manager. Miss Genevieve O'Neil is secretary and J. C. Ross, treasurer.

pounds, or 4.4 per cent greater than the 1952 production of 6,378,000 pounds. The average fleece weights are given at 7.4 pounds against 7.7 pounds a year earlier. The increased production of 1953 resulted from an 8 per cent increase in the number of sheep shorn, which more than offset the slightly lower fleece weights reported in most Provinces.

#### Opportunity Obvious to All

"That there is an opportunity for increased wool production in Canada must be obvious for all to see who will. Further, a larger annual wool clip would be economically sound in a country now largely dependent on imported wools to meet its requirements. . .

"As indicated, the stability of prices over many months of the past year has been notable. On the different planes — domestic and foreign — the narrow changes in values have been extraordinary. The Domestic markets have derived support in part at their relatively lower levels from the market stability abroad. While it is not easy to foresee any definite or rapid advance in wool values in nearby months, under present conditions of the textile industry here and in the United States, yet at the auctions in Australia early this year, wool prices have provided new evidence of stability.

#### Russian Buying Increasing Factor

"Our London representatives offer the opinion that Russia and Eastern European buying will continue to be a greater factor than in recent years since an effort is apparently being made to improve the standard of living in those countries. . .

"What the ultimate averages will be for the 1954 season is, of course yet unknown. It is known that as of now there is a good deal of soundness in wool values; that current prices appear to be reasonable by comparison with general commodity prices; and that with the established markets at home, in the United States, and England, Canadian growers are provided through their own selling organization with the opportunity of securing for their product the most favorable returns these markets provide at time of sale.

#### Credit Costs Reduced

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Credit costs were reduced in 1953 to the extent of \$887,000, by the farmers members of 85 production credit associations in the U.S., it is stated by the FCA. This amount includes \$590,000 returned in dividends on their stock investment, and \$297,000 in patronage refunds.

#### Many Nationalities

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# FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

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## Newcomers in Our Midst

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Dear Farm Women:

In one of what we call the newer Provinces of Canada, is it not always a matter of interest to learn of the homeland of others, or at least that of their parents?

Of course, it may not take very long to make some feel that this is their home country and give little thought to the one from whom their forebears came. I heard someone laughing the other day about another person complaining about the expenditure on new Canadians. On being asked, he had to admit that his parents came from overseas as newcomers to this land which to him seemed so much his home.

In the Prairies and B.C.

Sometimes I think prairie people think they are the ones who have more newcomers to their provinces than do any others. But I believe British Columbia exceeds any other province in that respect. Some have been to other parts of Canada and moved here; others have come directly here from overseas. I have noted that many of the older ones, who came possibly from England or Scotland as their original homes, have had a turn at the prairies.

It must be admitted that the prairies in the old days, with their distances, their cold winters, with unpredictable roads and, of course, before the prevalence of cars and engines, were not exactly an ideal place. When crops would freeze or dry out so quickly, and when the price of what was grown was so meagre, the urge was to move on and to try and see if there was not something better was very strong.

Many Handicaps Overcome

Today, happily, many of the handicaps are being overcome to a great extent, or we have learned how to cope with them. Also, as I have said, with the young people staying on the farm, or some work near at hand, there is the great asset of having the children and the children's children near at hand; so B.C. is not the goal of quite so many.

However, some continue to move

on, and of course many others come direct to the province from overseas. The wealth of the province is a great lure.

A Neighbor's Experience

I was speaking today to a neighbor who teaches English to immigrants in the night classes under the Department of Extension. I asked her what nations she had encountered in her three years' work at it. Her reply was Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Dutch, German, Polish, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Australian, French, Italian and Chinese, with the greater number being Dutch or German.

The majority she had had were young men — that is young comparatively speaking! Almost all had some trade as carpenters or mechanics, or some such work, and were now in the logging camps. As one said: "First it was a concentration camp, then it was a labor camp in Russia and now a logging camp in British Columbia." He was one who wanted a home, she thought.

The greatest obstacle of so many was the "th", which seemed lacking in their own language. Also said the teacher, they found it easier to speak their new language than to write it formally. But all came with a desire to acquire this new language. To do so was one of their forward steps to the making of better Canadians. And oh, what a relief to many of us that it is not a step we have to take!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

## FARM HOME & GARDEN

**Creamy Lemon Pudding:** To 1½ cups chilled milk add ¼ cup lemon juice and 1 tsp. grated lemon rind; add 1 package instant vanilla pudding, and beat until smooth; let stand until thick, about 20 minutes.

**Light Gingerbread:** To 2 cups sifted flour add ½ tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. each soda and ground ginger, ½ tsp. each cinnamon and salt, and ¼ tsp. cloves. Beat together 6 tbs. soft butter, 1/3 cup each white sugar, corn syrup, and molasses, and 1 egg. Add ½ cup boiling water, then the flour mixture and bake about 40 minutes in a rather slow oven, about 325 F°.

**Cabbage with Cheese:** To 2 cups thick white sauce add ½ tsp. dry mustard and 1 cup grated cheddar cheese, and place over hot water and stir until smooth. Cook 6 cups shredded cabbage in a small quantity of boiling water, in a covered saucepan for 7 minutes. Drain, and stir into cheese sauce.

**House Plants:** Old plants that have occupied large pots for a considerable time, and those in pots which will carry them over to another season, will benefit from regular supplies of nourishment during spring and early summer. Fertilizers in tablet form are efficient and convenient, and should be used strictly according to the makers' directions. In the case of young plants in small pots, removal to larger pots is preferable to application of fertilizer; and sickly plants should not be fertilized as they are not in condition to absorb plant food.

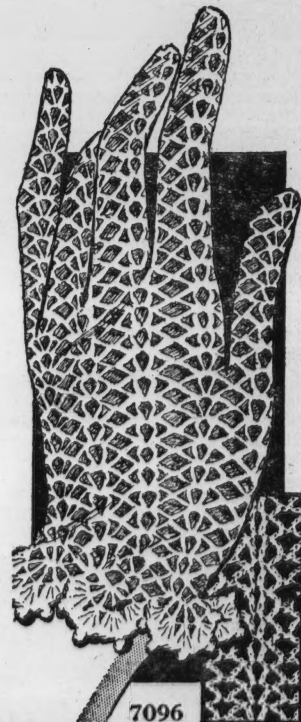
**Solvents:** While the hazard in using solvents for cleaning is somewhat less than in using gasoline, it is still

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## The Western Farm Leader PATTERN DEPARTMENT



Ready for summer mix-matching with other "separates" are the shorts and blouse shown here, in a plain color, and the gaily patterned skirt. Pattern 4746 comes in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16; for size 12, the blouse takes 1½ yards of 35-inch material, the skirt 3½ yards and the shorts 1 yard. Price of pattern 4746, 35 cents.



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## Will Visit Scotland on Exchange Visit



Miss Mable Rasmuson of Gwynne and William Steiner of Arrowwood will represent the Farmers' Union of Alberta in the annual exchange visit to Scotland this year. Announcement to this effect has been made by Ron Pollock, president of the Junior Branch of the F.U.A., who explains that the visit will be made under the exchange visit plan entered into with the Scottish Association of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Under the plan each organization sends delegates as guests of the other organization on alternate years. Last year the Junior F.U.A. entertained Jessie Adam and Helen Tough of Scotland. The Alberta delegates will sail from Montreal on June 2nd, and will return in August, after spending about two months touring Scotland. Miss Rasmuson is a former president of the Junior F.U.A.

## 22nd Annual Session University of Alberta Banff School of Fine Arts 1954

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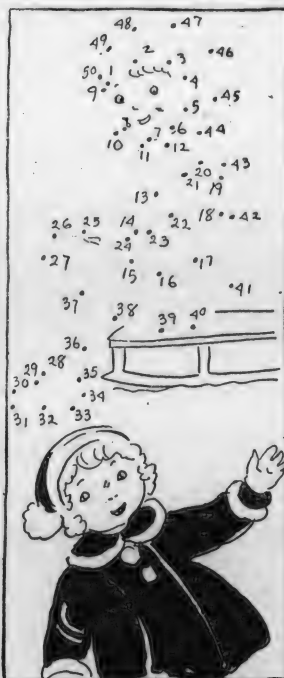
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## Lead in Queen Contest

Duane Gottschlick (District 9), Mae Fluney (District 7), Doris Minchau (District 6) and Shirley Hiebert (B.C. Block) are leading in the Junior F.U.A. Queen Contest. Other nominees are Marjorie Adams (District 8) Val Albertson (District 10), Norma Adams (District 12) and Lois McIntosh (District 13).

The contest is sponsored by the Juniors to raise funds for their own projects. Tickets are 25 cents each, and give 25 votes each. There is no raffle; all proceeds go to the Juniors, it is announced from Central Office.

## Little Folks' Puzzle



Jane is having a grand time with her little friend playing in the snow. "She is a grand friend and we have lots of fun together!" said Jane. Join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number fifty and you will have a picture of Jane's friend. Color with your crayons.

## FARM HOME AND GARDEN

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great, and they should never be used indoors, states the Saskatchewan fire commissioner.

**Well Water:** Spring thaws often cause farmhouse wells to become polluted with nitrates washed in from the surface floods. Such water is dangerous to infants; in spring, households with babies should have their well water tested for nitrate content, warns the department of national health.

## "Genevieve" Best British Film

LONDON, Eng. — Best British film of the year (1953) according to the British Film Academy, was "Genevieve". Audrey Hepburn was chosen best British actress of 1953 for her performance in "Roman Holiday" and Sir John Gielgud as best British actor for his work in "Julius Caesar".

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## News of Women's Locals

A series of Hobo Teas is planned by Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville).

In aid of the building fund, Craigmyle F.W.U.A. are holding a bean supper tonight (April 2nd).

Gwynne F.W.U.A. sponsored a demonstration on "Meals Quick and Easy," writes Mrs. D. W. Baker.

Spring Valley F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) contributed \$40 to the building fund, writes Mrs. Wm. S. Cousine.

Chinook F.W.U.A. donated \$60 to the building fund, earning it by a bake sale held in Pincher Creek.

Fairview F.W.U.A. realized \$215 from their Mammoth Bingo, writes Mrs. Clarence Proctor. \$50 was donated to the building fund.

A whist drive and dance sponsored by Rosyth F.W.U.A. yielded \$68 for the building fund, writes Mrs. F. H. Oxford.

Roll call at the next meeting of Josephburg F.W.U.A. (Fort Saskatchewan) will take the form of an exchange of seeds, slips and bulbs, reports Mrs. Walter Frey.

Donations have been made recently by Pollockville F.W.U.A. to the cerebral palsy association, the building fund, the Red Cross, and the barley-for-Korea fund.

Sunnibend F.W.U.A. (Pibroch) are donating \$1 per member to the Red Cross, writes Mrs. Adair. They are planning a scrap book on life in their community, to be exchanged for one from another country.

Inland F.W.U.A. celebrated their fourth anniversary with a card party, Mrs. Storeschuk contributing a birthday cake. \$41 was sent to the building fund, and a feather quilt made

## Salvation Army Seeking \$3,950,000 — Red Shield

To meet the deficit on the operation of nearly 300 homes, hostels and hospitals across Canada, the Salvation Army is seeking to raise \$3,950,000 in the Red Shield Appeal which will begin May 3rd and continue through the month. This sum will also provide for some new building, and for improvement of buildings now in use.

for a burned out family, states Mrs. R. Goshko.

Of \$46.72 proceeds from a pot-luck supper, Pelican F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) devoted \$35 to the building fund, reports Mrs. Ronning.

South Berry Creek F.W.U.A. (Cessford) recently donated \$25 to the Red Cross, writes Mrs. D. Griffith, and arranged a whist drive in aid of the building fund.

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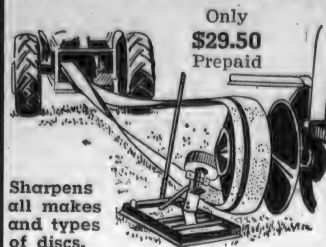
## RHEUMATIC PAIN

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"This winter I had to quit work because of rheumatic pain," writes Mr. T. Glofcheskie, Wilno, Ont. "I became fearful of being laid up as on previous occasion with rheumatic pain. My pain became increasingly severe and spread from hip to ankle. Out of bed, the leg felt cold as though in cold water, so I stayed in bed. A friend persuaded me to take T-R-C's and I'm glad I did. In a short while I was relieved of my pain and was soon on the job again."

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### STAPLES ADDRESSES CO-OP CLUB

Ralph S. Staples, president of the Co-operative Union of Canada, addressed a well attended meeting of the Co-op Luncheon Club of Calgary, in the York Hotel, on March 22nd. He gave a most encouraging account of the growth of the CUC and of the rallying to the co-operative cause in Canada. Norman F. Priestley was in the chair. The club, recently organized and now thriving, includes members of staffs of the numerous co-operative enterprises in the city of Calgary.

### RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Donald J. McKinnon, of Carseland was re-elected president of the Canadian Council of Beef Producers (Western Section), at the annual meeting of the council in Calgary last week. Leslie Cameron, Ashcroft, B.C., continues as vice-president.

## The Wheat Situation

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### THE WORLD POSITION

World wheat production in 1953 has been placed at 7,150,000,000 bushels by the United States department of agriculture. This is slightly below the record crop of 7,295,000,000 harvested in 1952, but it is 20 per cent above the average of the five post-war years (1946-51) and compares with the 1935-39 average of 6,025,000,000. Production on all continents has exceeded the prewar level in each of the past two years.

### World Acreage Increase

Yields have been exceptionally heavy but the acreage too has been on the increase. The 1953 world wheat acreage was placed at 452,400,000 acres or about 33½ millions greater than the area sown in the 1935-39 period.

It is only natural, then, that world trade in wheat, running at record or near-record levels in the past two years, should begin to decline. This year the international movement of wheat is expected to fall about 10 per cent from last year to around 825 million bushels. This is considerably greater than the prewar average of 600 million bushels annually, but it is far short of taking care of surpluses which have been built up in the main exporting countries.

For the present crop year, four major exporting countries — Canada, United States, Australia and Argentina — have wheat supplies over and above their domestic needs totalling 2,184 million bushels. This is about 2½ times the estimated world trade. However, other countries such as France, Turkey and even Sweden have surpluses which they are anxious to dispose of.

### Lower World Demand Reflected

Canada's exports so far this season have been fairly satisfactory but they reflect a falling off in world demand. From August 1st, 1953 to March 1st, 1954 shipments totalled 152 million bushels. This is about 55

## Livestock Market Review

CALGARY, STOCKYARDS, March 31st. — Hogs sold yesterday \$32.50, sows \$18, good lambs \$19 to \$19.25. Good to choice butcher steers were \$16 to \$17.50, down to \$12 for common; heifers, \$14.50 to \$16, down to \$10 for common. Good cows \$11 to \$12.50; canners and cutters \$6 to \$9; good stocker and feeder steers \$13 to \$16, down to \$11 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, March 29th. — Hogs, Grade A, closed last week at \$33.25; good handyweight lambs brought \$20 to 21. Choice steers were \$16.75 to \$17.50, down to \$10.50 for common. Good cows sold \$11 to \$12, down to \$8 for common. Good feeder steers sold \$13.50 to \$15.

### EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

CALGARY, March 31st. — Another drop has brought egg prices, to producers, to 30 for A large, 28 for A medium and 25 for A small; B's are 24 and C's 20. Dressed chicken, under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl 5 lbs. and over, 31 down to 18.

### THE DAIRY MARKET

Special cream, to producers, remains at 61; No. 1 is 59, No. 2 is 50, off-grade 44. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 61.

millions less than in the same period a year ago when exports were running at a near-record level. But it is still well above the normal rate of Canadian exports.

On February 1st Canada still had 678.4 million bushels of wheat over and above domestic needs for the balance of the crop year, and there is certain to be a carry over exceeding 500 million bushels at the end of the present crop year. This is twice the normal exports from Canada over the past 30 years.

Under these circumstances, prairie farmers may wish to restrict wheat production this year wherever possible. Certainly there is little justification for increasing the wheat acreage, for both country and terminal elevators are bound to be jammed and considerable grain will still be in farm bins when the next harvest begins.

## Striking Figures Show Weed Losses Formidable Part of Farmers' Costs

By far the greatest loss caused by weeds in farm fields is that due to competition with crops for moisture and plant food. It has been estimated that a single mustard plant uses twice the plant food and four times as much water as a healthy oat plant.

### \$166 Million for Three Provinces

This item—of reduced yields—was placed at \$166 millions for the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the year 1953, by one authority. Losses due to dockage were placed at \$40 millions; losses due to extra tillage costs at \$35 millions; costs of delayed seeding at \$4 millions and costs of chemical weed control at \$10 millions. Altogether, weed losses in the three prairie provinces were placed at about \$255 millions, or an average per farm of some \$1,028. This comes to about 20 per cent of the value of the major field crops.

In the U.S., weed losses in 1952 were estimated at about \$5 billions, or some 13 per cent of the value of the crops produced.

### Wild Oats Worst Offender

Wild oats are said to be responsible for losses equal to those caused by all other weeds put together. Wild mustard, another very bad weed, has been known to reduce wheat yields by as much as 7.5 bushels per acre; and mustard competition can cut flax yields by over 12 bushels per acre.

## Co-op Life Insurance Company Has \$51 Millions in Contracts

SASKATOON, Sask. — As Co-operative Life Insurance Company grows, an ever-increasing amount of money will be available for loans to other co-operatives and to individuals, declared H. H. Crofford, general manager, in an address to the Credit Union League at its recent annual convention here.

The company, he said, was a product of the co-operative organizations of Saskatchewan; they had provided starting capital and had given encouragement and assistance in its organization and development. It had followed basic co-operative principles. Its objectives were the development of a financially sound company to provide high quality insurance; to provide insurance in an ethical manner, and with efficiency and economy; to assist in maintaining a sound and stable economy; and to assist other co-operatives in promoting the well-being of the people.

After almost nine years, continued Mr. Crofford, the company now has over \$51 millions of insurance and pension contracts in force. Last year, its business increased by 20 per cent. Its total assets are almost \$2.5 millions. Policy dividends payable this year will be about 4.8 per cent of the 1953 premium income. The average rate of interest earned on investments of the company is about 4.4 per cent. Almost \$400,000 has been lent to co-operatives on first mortgages, while over \$250,000 has gone into school and municipal and other debentures in Saskatchewan.

## Seed Treatment Is Studied by U of A Plant Pathologists

Seed treatment that is effective and at the same time safe to persons handling it is the goal of plant pathologists, states Dr. A. W. Henry, professor of plant pathology at the University of Alberta, in an article in the 1954 Press Bulletin. (Copies may be secured from the Department of Extension at the University.)

The mercury compounds have proved their worth, but their poisonous properties demand care. And while simple precautions only are needed, there remains the danger from the common tendency to treat familiar things lightly.

A number of organic compounds, including antibiotics, are under test at the University and while it is early for recommendations, encouraging results are reported. One antibiotic, acti-dione, is receiving especial attention.

This substance, acti-dione, is obtained from the same source as streptomycin, Dr. Henry explains; both are derived from one of the thread-like soil organisms known to the scientist as streptomycetes. Streptomycin has proved useful in reducing bacterial infection in man and animals; and acti-dione appears to have definite value in controlling certain fungal diseases of plants.

But recommended mercury compounds not only control certain smuts in grains, they also ward off attacks by seedling blight and seed rot organisms. And while acti-dione successfully controlled covered smut of wheat it showed no tendency at first to combat the other diseases. It was thought that "something" might be added to this anti-biotic to take care of the soil-borne pathogens, and eventually it was found, experimentally, that a combination of Orthocide 406 to anti-dione gave good results. It is emphasized that results so far are regarded as preliminary, and an indication of what may be done with continued effort.



Western Canadian Government authorities state the average farm losses are at least \$1,000.00 each year due to weeds.

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## Traditions of West Recalled at Annual Meeting in Calgary

**Farmers the True Conservationists, Grant MacEwan Tells UMCPA Gathering**

"I like to be in company with lots of pull", wittily-declared Grant MacEwan, guest speaker at the annual banquet of the United Milk and Cream Producers' Association last week.

Mr. MacEwan developed the theme of the traditions of the West, often lost sight of in face of the great material achievements in this new country.

### Historical Event We Should Celebrate

Exactly two hundred years ago the first white man saw the Canadian Rockies — an anniversary we ought to give recognition to. The speaker told the story of the young Englishman, Anthony Henday, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, who had volunteered to travel, alone, from York Factory westwards to look into the possibilities of greater fur trade. In 1754 he had penetrated to a spot near what is now Calgary, spending the winter there before making the return journey.

This year would see also the 80th anniversary of the arrival of the Mounted Police at Fort Macleod. The richest part of our past was not in the achievements of the intervening period, he said, but in the qualities of the people who had broken trail, in their resourcefulness, vigor, willingness to face up to jobs, their goodwill. He quoted the epitaph of a frontiersman: "He was every man's friend, and never locked his cabin door."

### "Relatively Splendid" Record

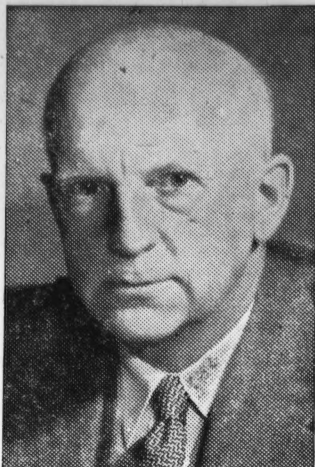
Traditional agricultural ideals, continued Mr. MacEwan, were free trade without obstacles, self-help (in which he included co-operation), independent thinking, and conservation. Farmers were a country's true conservationists. In contrast to such industries as fisheries, lumbering, oil, and coal, agriculture did not take all from the land, giving back nothing. Its record in conservation was not as good as it should be, but was "relatively splendid."

Over two hundred members and friends of the association enjoyed the turkey dinner at Penley's Academy, in Calgary, the address and the dance which followed. Wesley Miller presided, and introduced guests at the head table. Fred McCalla, Edmonton, brought greetings from the Provincial association.

### Sawfly May Be Threat in Some Areas This Year

Particularly in southern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, sawfly infestation may prove a threat during the coming season, warns N. D. Holmes, entomologist, of Lethbridge Science Service Laboratories. In a recent bulletin of Line Elevators Farm Service, Dr. F. J. Greaney states that in recent years there has been a decrease in the acreage sown to sawfly resistant wheat varieties. It should be clearly understood, he continues, that growing a resistant crop is still the most practical and effective way of preventing excessive losses from this pest. In areas where an infestation is threatened, planting of Rescue or Chinook wheat is very strongly recommended; in areas where these varieties are not acceptable, every known precaution should be taken, he states; above all, planting wheat on sawfly infested stubble should be avoided.

### Reports Successful Year



G. E. O'Brien, above, general manager Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers, reported another successful year to the annual meeting in Toronto. (See page 1)

### Minister Stresses Heavy Strain Borne by Commissioners

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery,  
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, April 1st — There is perhaps no group fulfilling duties on behalf of the Canadian public or any individual industry that has been working under any more severe strain than the board of grain commissioners.

#### Heavy Year For Board

This has been a particularly heavy year, with the congestion in the handling system from one end to the other. The minister of trade and commerce recently explained the situation with the graphic phrase, "I know the board of railway commissioners are being run ragged in trying to deal with the situation arising from day to day". No one knows better than the farmer that handling facilities must of necessity be strained and require the constant use of the greatest ingenuity and persistent attention to make the most efficient use of these facilities at a time like this, when the country has had three heavy harvests.

It is, of course, perfectly natural that members should use the special agricultural committee of the house to find out if there is any change in the provisions of the Canadian Grain Act that could be amended to ease the situation. It is quite within the rights of the committee to call before it anyone who might assist. As Mr. Howe told the house, however: "I ask the committee to be reasonable in the demands that they place on an organization that is busily engaged in other ways."

#### No Objection to Short Period

"If it is a case of getting the board of grain commissioners to come down here for a week or perhaps two weeks — any reasonable period — there is no objection to that. However, to ask them to come down here for a month or a period of months might well wreck the grain handling situation in the West."

Another point brought out was that the board of grain commissioners, when asked if they knew of any desirable amendment to the Canada Grain Act, reported that they have nothing to suggest. Farm organizations also have nothing concrete to suggest, Mr. Howe stated.

#### More Buoyancy in Livestock

In the marketing of livestock, the week ending Thursday, March 25th was the most buoyant for some time. For some time before marketing was listless and "draggy". Not much meat

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## ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

### NEWS OF WOMEN'S LOCALS

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Delia F.W.U.A. are having two tables made and purchasing some chairs for the Rest Room.

Cook books were presented by Innisfree F.W.U.A. recently to two brides, and baby cups were given to three new babies in members' families, writes Mrs. Hawirko.

To raise money for the Red Cross, Jenny Lind F.W.U.A. (Scandia) recently arranged a bake sale. Mrs. Swanson was elected secretary to replace Mrs. Drake, who is leaving the district.

In place of their regular meeting, Dakota F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) joined forces with neighboring Locals in a meeting addressed by Henry Lembiez, district director, on producers' marketing boards.

Mrs. J. Duffy writes that Eclipse F.W.U.A. made plans at a recent meeting for a Bake Sale to be held in Lamcombe Furniture store tomorrow (April 3rd). Roll call topic was "A cure for the blues."

St. Albert F.W.U.A. (Morinville) are sending \$50 to the building fund, writes Mrs. Fuhr. Program at recent meeting included reading of the health bulletin and talks on care of polio patients and on education.

is being exported; but apparently Canadians are eating more at home. A lot more cattle are being marketed, but a smaller number of hogs. The number of cattle marketed since the beginning of the year to March 20th has been 376,000, an increase of 16 per cent over the same period of last year. The number of hogs sold has been 1,052,000, about 16 per cent under last year. Prices are down a little but not sharply below last year. All meat that has been on hand as a result of measures to meet emergencies has been disposed of.

### Need Still Great

The need for clothing in Korea, for men, women and children, is still very great, state the Unitarian Service Committee, who are appealing for wearable used clothing to send there. Contributions may be sent to their depot at 705 Third Street E., Calgary.

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### RED CROSS HOSPITAL COSTS

The total cost of operation of the Alberta Red Cross Crippled Children's hospital last year was \$379,269; a total of 446 in-patients and 1,147 out-patients were cared for.

## MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY.

Hello, Folks!

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We understand that there is still a shortage of butter in Russia, but so far we haven't learnt that the Soviets claim to have invented margarine.

Although Christmas is long since past, our office cynic declares that this is no excuse for the politicians at Ottawa not "talking turkey" on the unemployment situation.

### ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

A traffic light  
Means "Stop" when red —  
But lips that are  
Mean "Go" Ahead.

And that may explain, says the  
Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, why  
Only the Green wait for the  
Signal.

— Thenx to S. H., Calgary

Nowadays, writes a Washington correspondent, political parties should have a colorful policy. Yep, any old color so long as it isn't red.

And that prompts Knotty Frankie to state that of course the reason the violet is so shy is because the rose is so wild.

And while we're on the subject of flowers, Nan of Nanton suggests an early start for gardeners who wish to tame that wild rose and make the modest little violet less shy.

Fern of Fernie, however, advises

spring flower seekers that they'll find no blooms along the Primrose Path.

### WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MY PRETTY MAID?

We see where Russia has decorated three milkmaids with the medal of the Order of Lenin. We presume these gals were the cream of the crop.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, however, insists that such an award is utterly ridiculous. And, if she weren't such a lady, she'd say it was just a lotta bull-oney.

### FORGIVE ME

Forgive me, skies, that I shall hear  
The carol of a bird,  
And yet upon my banquet board  
Devour that singing word.  
Forgive me, skies, that I shall hold  
My lowly form and frame  
Within a creature of the earth  
That also breathes thy name.  
— Sand Dune Sage.

### HE'S PROBABLY RIGHT

According to Chuckawalla:  
"A man with a sterling character  
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### RECIPE FOR BETTER SOUP

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of a lot of difference in being  
swept off your feet and getting  
the brush off.

### HOE, HOE THE SPRING!

This is the time of the year when  
people look with a kindly eye on the  
"Rake's Progress."

### APRIL FOOL'S DAY

In history there's naught, it  
seems,  
That has been taught in school  
Of April's first day and so that  
means  
It's just an April Fool.  
No man or women would confess  
For starting such a rule  
Of playing pranks to cause  
distress  
To folk on April Fool.  
No doubt it started all in fun —  
Like thread upon a spool  
It grows and grows as it is spun —  
The joke of April Fool.  
If we get caught and some would  
Scoff,  
Let's promise we'll be cool,  
To merely smile and laugh it off  
This year on April Fool.  
— William Griffith Jones, Ponoka

### SUFFERING CATS

An American expert on etiquette declares: "To feed the pet cat of your hostess during the dinner without express permission is bad manners, and besides, it isn't wise for it might make the cat sick!"

Well, that seems to be advice that may help us all to come up to scratch on our table manners.

Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that even if the danger of skating on thin ice has decreased it's just as easy to get out of your depth as ever.

### PASS ALONG, PLEASE!

Selkirk, the new rust-resistant wheat (C.T.186) has been licensed for sale by the Federal Department of Agriculture. About 130,000 bushels are available.

### New Envoy Arrives



Sir Pierson Dixon, 49 new British ambassador to the UN, is shown aboard the Queen Elizabeth on his arrival at New York to take up his duties. Sir Pierson replaces Sir Gladwyn Jebb who has been named ambassador to France.

### Back-to-Land Movement in Israel — Co-operative Use of Heavy Equipment

TEL AVIV, Israel — A "back-to-the-land" movement in Israel, sponsored by the Histadrut (labor organization) has enrolled 4,500 families, of whom 1,000 have already been settled on the land. In one scheme, each family makes a small cash payment and receives a long-term lease on 6.5 acres of irrigated land, a small house, some livestock and some farming equipment. Heavy equipment, including tractors, is allotted to villages for use on a co-operative basis, and technical guidance is provided. The object of the movement is to increase food production, and to reduce unemployment.

### Twisting the Lion's Tail

(From The Nation, New York)

In voicing his deep abhorrence for the "blood trade" with China, Senator McCarthy usually manages to make it clear that he regards the British as the prime culprits. Yet direct exports from West Germany to China rose to some \$18,100,000 for the first nine months of last year, while Britain's exports to China for the same period total only \$13,440,000. In addition, West Germany's exports to Hongkong, most of which were undoubtedly consigned to China, amounted to \$23,300,000 during the first nine months of 1953 as compared with \$10,800,000 for the corresponding period of 1952. Senator McCarthy, of course, is fully aware of the facts, but he is also aware, as always, of the size of his German-American constituency in Wisconsin.

Ironically, the principal effect of McCarthy's agitation against Great Britain is to increase pressure there for more trade with China and the Soviet bloc. By failing to mention German or Japanese trade with China he is rapidly convincing the British that his needling tactics have a special purpose which has nothing to do with ideology. The left-wing Laborites, for instance, are citing his attacks as proof of their charge—reported in an A.P. dispatch from London, December 13—that "the United States, Japan, and West Germany intend eventually to grab the China trade for themselves."

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# FARMERS' TOUR OF EUROPE

The following tentative itinerary has been arranged. It will be noticed that several days in Switzerland have been included, replacing the proposed visit to Spain.

As announced in our last issue, the tour is being sponsored by THE WESTERN FARM LEADER.

The group will leave from New York on the Holland-America luxury liner, Nieuw Amsterdam, on October 19th. Arrangements will be made for the members to visit the United Nations before sailing.

From the 19th to the morning of the 26th Atlantic Crossing.

## ENGLAND

26th. — Arrival in Southampton. Proceed to London.

27th. & 28th. — City sightseeing in London and surroundings. West End, Windsor, Hampton Court, River and City Tours.

29th. — Morning free for visits and shopping. In the afternoon, reception at the Ministry of Agriculture; National Farmers' Union; banquet.

30th. — Departure on cross-country tour under Auspices of National Farmers' Union and the British Co-operatives. Buckingham Palace Road, visit to Cambridge University Farm. Visits to several Experimental Stations and farms in Yorkshire. Over night at York.

## SCOTLAND

31st. — Through the northern counties via Newcastle, to Scotland. Arrival in Edinburgh for dinner. City sightseeing of Edinburgh and surroundings.

Nov. 1st. — Visit to several Scottish farms, co-operatives and cattle ranches. Return to Edinburgh for overnight.

2nd. — Through the Trossachs and Scottish Lake District to Glasgow. Evening with representatives of Scottish Co-operatives.

## ENGLAND

3rd. — Gretna Green, Keswick, Lake District, Lancaster; visit to dairy farms and co-operatives. Overnight at Chester.

4th. — Through the Shropshire Country. Stratford-on-Avon. Overnight. Visit to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre.

5th. — Return to London. Afternoon free, or visit to Experimental Farm near London.

6th. — Morning free in London. In the afternoon boat train for Sweden.

## SWEDEN

7th. — Cruise on the North Sea.

8th. — In the morning, arrival at Gothenberg. Reception by Swedish Co-operative Organization. City Sightseeing. Visit to Co-operative Farm Settlements and Co-operative Dairy plants. Night train for Malmoe.

## DENMARK

9th. — Tour of the City. In the afternoon by ferry boat to Copenhagen. Dinner with representatives of Danish Agricultural Movement.

10th. — City Sightseeing through Copenhagen. Visit to Government Dairy Plants and Experimental Stations and to the nearby Royal Castles. Visit to a Government Experimental Station where seed is tested, sampled and selected. In the evening, banquet with representatives of the Danish Ministry of Agriculture.

## GERMANY

11th. — Through Zealand and the Andersen Fairy Tale Country. To Germany, through Schleswig to Hamburg for dinner. In the evening visit to St. Pauli and Hamburg's Night Life.

12th. — Through North Germany, visit to Europe's largest tree nursery. Famous horse breeding ranch. Through industrial Rhineland to Cologne. By Rhine steamer to Koblenz. Visit to the wine cellars of Rudesheim. Overnight at Weisbaden, visit to the Spa and a champagne cellar.

13th. — Through Swabia, Stuttgart, Ulm, Visit to one of the German Model Farms. In the evening, arrival at Munich, beer supper at the famous Hofbraeuhaus.

14th. — City Sightseeing. Through the Alpine Region to Lake Constance, with its fruit orchards. Overnight at Schaffhausen.

## SWITZERLAND

15th. — Visit to the Rhinefalls. Proceed to Experimental Station for intensive grain culture and fruit orchards. City Sightseeing at Zurich. Reception by Swiss Farmers' Union. In the afternoon, visit to the leading Swiss Agricultural Factory at Niderwengen.

16th. — Visit to the Experimental Agricultural High School Strickhof and its dairy farm. Through the William Tell Country to Lucerne. Overnight.

17th. — Through the Swiss Alpine Region, St. Gotthardt, into the Italian Switzerland. Overnight at Lugano.

## ITALY

18th. — Visit to Lake Como. Lunch at Milan. City sightseeing. Visit to Experimental Farm in the Po Valley and the famous Bel Paese Cheese Factory. In the evening, visit La Scala at Milan.

19th. — Garda Lake, Verona, Padua, and Venice.

20th. — Full day at Venice.

21st. — Bologna. Visit to a rice plantation and cheese factory. In the early afternoon arrival at Florence. City sightseeing. Overnight.

22nd. — Proceed to Rome. Arrival in early afternoon. City sightseeing including the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's, Colosseum, Forum, Pantheon, Catacombs, Appian Way, Concert at Cecilian Academy and Opera under the Stars in ancient Baths of Caracalla.

23rd. — Continuation of city sightseeing, including reception at the Ministry of Agriculture and visit to an Experimental Station and the vineyards of Frascati.

24th. — Proceed to Naples. Arrival in the early afternoon. City sightseeing.

25th. — Visit to Capri by boat. Full day at Capri.

26th. — Visit to Sorrento, Pompeii, Vesuvius, and a macaroni factory. Overnight at Naples.

27th. — Along the Italian seashore to Orpetello.

28th. — Through Tuscany, Leghorn, Pisa. Overnight at Rapallo.

29th. — Along the Italian Riviera to Genoa, Monte Carlo, Nice.

## FRANCE

30th. — Free day at Nice.

Dec. 1st. — Through the vineyards of Provence, Avignon. Overnight at Valence.

2nd. — Through Central France. Visit Experimental Farms, Co-operative Dairy Plants. Overnight at Moulins in the French Wheat Region.

3rd. — Through the Loire Country, Blois, Tours.

4th. — Farm excursion through Rambouillet, Chartres, Grignon, Paris.

5th, 6th, & 7th. — Sightseeing of historic and modern Paris. Visit to Fontainebleau, Barbizon, Versailles, Sevres Porcelain Factory, "Quartier Latin", Montmartre, Montparnasse, Le Louvre, the National Museum of Modern Art. Visit headquarters International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Visit Experimental Farms, Goose Farm. Discussions with Representatives of French Farm Movement. Attendance at the International Chemical Exposition.

## BELGIUM

8th. — Proceed to Brussels. Arrival in the afternoon. City sightseeing. After dinner, stroll through Brussels by Night.

## HOLLAND

9th. — Proceed to Amsterdam. Visit to Flower Auction at Aalsmeer, the Cheese Market at Volendam. Visit to the Centre of Agricultural Science at Wageningen. Reception by the Minister of Agriculture. Overnight in Amsterdam. Evening sightseeing.

10th. — Through the Northern Dutch Polder Farm Country, protected by dunes and massive dikes, to Leeuwarden. Visit to several breeding farms of the famous Friesian breed, and visit to a test farm for potatoes. Visit to a fattening farm for pigs, Drachten. Return to The Hague. Overnight.

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